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Unionville Square Historic District
Putnam County, Missouri

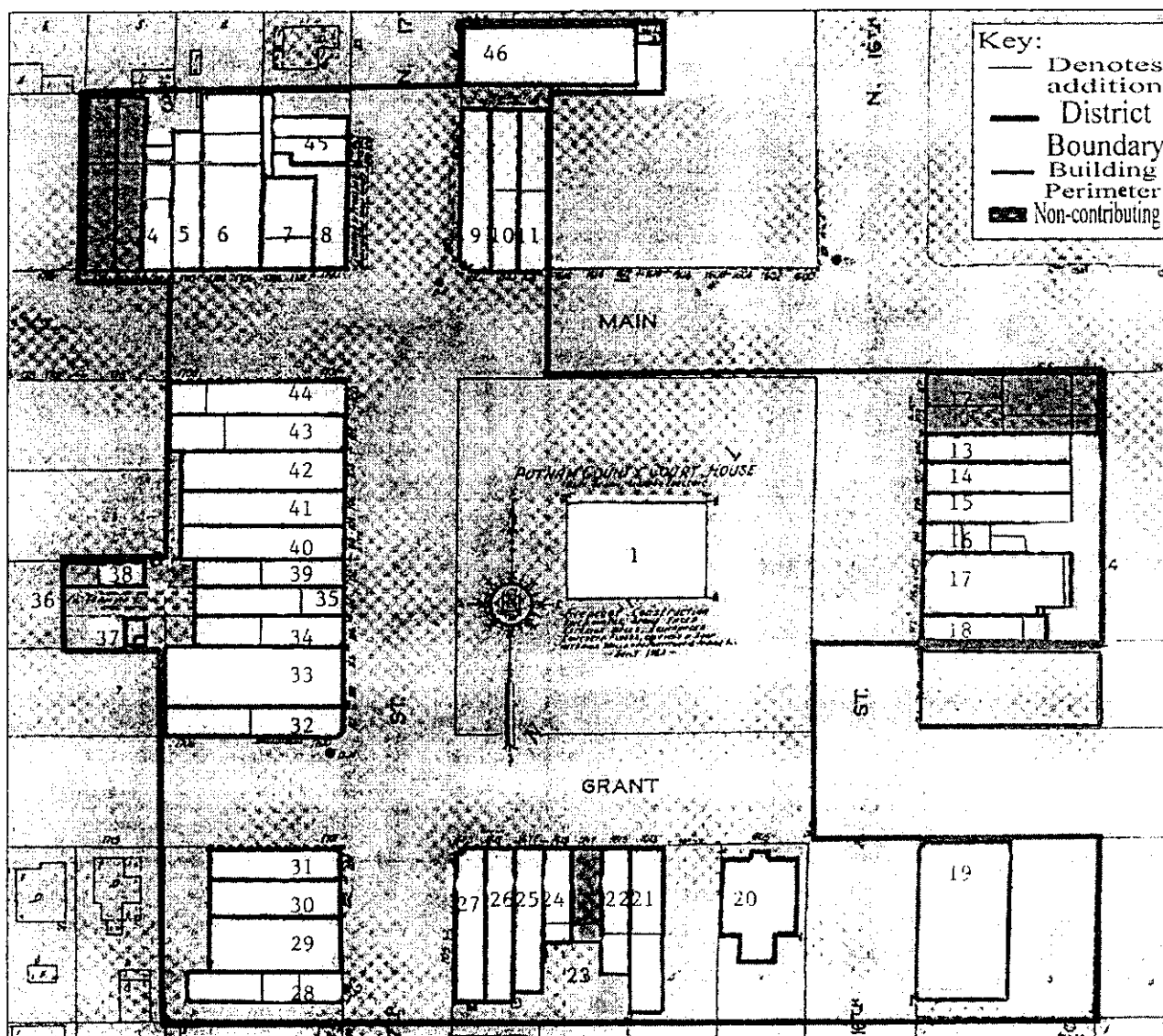


Figure 1: District Boundary and Building Map

The Shelbyville Square:

Shelbyville, Tennessee was the prototype for a downtown square with a centered or nearly centered courthouse upon it. The centered square arrangement necessitates a reorientation of the commercial lots on two of the four sides so that the storefronts on all four sides face the courthouse. In some examples, Unionville being one of these, the square is reduced in size to allow for market areas on two or four sides of the courthouse. Of 114 Missouri county seats, half (57) use the Shelbyville model. Unionville's courthouse was not originally located on the square but the square was part of the original plat (Ohman, pp. 33-34).